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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

333 W. Nye Lane, Room 138 Carson City, Nevada 89706

August 11, 2003

NOTICE OF DECISION

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT NUMBER NEV0096106 FOR THE MINERAL RIDGE MINE

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has decided to issue Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0096106 to Golden Phoenix Minerals, Inc. This permit authorizes the construction, operation, and closure of the approved facilities. The Division has been provided with sufficient information, in accordance with NAC 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447, to assure the Division that the groundwater quality will not be degraded by this operation and that public safety and health will be protected.

This permit will become effective August 26, 2003. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.605 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.407.

All requests for appeals must be filed by 5pm, August 21, 2003 on Form 3 with the State Environmental Commission, 333 West Nye Lane, Capitol Complex, Carson City, Nevada 89706.

For more information, contact Bob Carlson at (775) 687-9401, toll free in Nevada at (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit the Bureau's website at http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm.

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